

Old Town San Diego
Community Planning Group

Thurston Coe, Chairperson
2836 Juan Street
San Diego, California, 92110

July 10, 2013

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Whaley House Courtroom this meeting to order at 3:38 pm

- **Members Present:** Chuck Ambers; Thurston Coe; Patricia Fillet; Fred Grand; Geoffrey Mogilner; Lorna Rice; Fred Schwartz; Richard Stegner; David Swarens; Robert Zink
- **Members Absent:** Ann Dahlkamp; Bruce Johnson; Marie Pedrin-Gizoni; David Thornton
- **Guests:** Tait Galloway - City of San Diego PSP 533-4550 tgalloway@sandiego.gov; Gavin Deeb – Congress member Susan Davis Representative, 619.280.5353 gavin.deeb@mail.house.gov; Stephen Jones – Jones Ballard Architects, 619.977.5675 sjones500@gmail.com; Carl Huenefeld – USMC/MCRD, Carl.huenefeld@usmc.mil; Greg Lebon – T2Development, 949.214.9978, greg@T2Dev.com; Rick Garbini – Garbini&Garbini Landscape Architecture, 619.232.4747, rgarbini@garbiniandgarbini.com

Non-Agenda Public Comments: Patricia Fillet informed the group of several community issues: Swarm of African Bees removed by the City of San Diego's Bee Removal Service; Saturday's Farmer's Market impact of trash bin and need for more trash and recycling bins at the two corners of Harney and Congress Streets; San Diego City Schools District's Auxiliary and Landscaping Services (Drew Rowlands, executive director) to address trash and litter that spills over onto sidewalk and street around the perimeter of the Ballard Parent Center property. Thurston Coe announced to end this meeting at exactly 5pm to allow for a SOHO meeting.

Modifications: Geoffrey Mogilner announced that a note to the Chair, Thurston Coe is instead a draft to designate Kosa'aay as a historic/archaeological resource (see paragraph/handout).

Meeting Minutes: Approved with edits.

Treasurer's report: Beginning balance is \$374.48

Action Items:

4. Approval of June Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of Treasurer's report
- 6a. OTCPG Draft Letter to the Mid Coast Transit Project, Presented by Geoffrey Mogilner
 - b. New Marriott Garden Hotel updates by Steve Jones
 - c. Upton Regional Bike Project by Beth Robrahn
 - d. Minor changes to By-Laws presented by Tait Galloway

Comments to action items:

4. Meeting Minutes Approved, edits to remove Dianne Lowery as "absent" – Dianne Lowery is resigned.

Geoffrey Mogilner Motioned and Fred Grand Seconded; 8 yes; 6 absent

5. Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance from June is \$351.48 – this includes a donation of \$23.00 and brings the beginning to \$374.48.

Fred Grand Motioned and Fred Schwartz Seconded; 8 yes votes; 5 absent; 1 abstain

6a. Geoffrey Mogilner presents Kosa'aay as an economic resource and emphasizes that OTSDCPG should designate the area as a resource and states that he will designate as a resource. The handout reads: "Because the 1769 Kumeyaay town of Kosa'aay is located within the Old Town San Diego Community Planning area; and its preservation and interpretation will be of continuing benefit to the State of California and the Old Town community; and Kosa'aay is a site of primary importance to both the history of California and the cultural heritage of the Kumeyaay People: There fore 1769 site of Kosa'aay is designated to the Old Town Community Planning Group as a historic and economic resource." (See also paragraph/handout).

6b. Steve Jones, architect to Marriott Garden Hotel presented an update and recommendation for approval. Informs the OTSDCPG they are working with the City of San Diego on recommendations and multi-disciplinary reviews and presentations to group – the project is now at 2 years old. Greg Lebon and Rick Garbini present further details on landscaping and details on LEED Certification. Further discussion on lighting details (i.e., thematic lighting, similar to what is now on Sunset Ave.) to tie into community at large. Signage to be consistent with OTSDCPG's overall approved plans – currently the sign meets criteria at 16 sq. ft. Several questions from the OTSDCPG were asked on signage. Further details were provided: Height limitation is at 45 ft and cannot go above roofline. David Swarens suggested that surface painted/vernacular signs, similar to Riverside and Santa Barbara could fit in and Greg elaborated that final decisions have not yet been made; however, significance is placed to transcend the historicity of Old Town. Parking issue for guests was reviewed as an issue of shared parking and plans will now be undertaken to provide underground parking. Fred Schwartz asked if parking provisions for others will be allowed and Greg and Steve assured that parking peaks from 3am to mid-day is fine. Tait Galloway offered points of landscape could be asked during public review if a concrete sidewalk or dirt path/river look is wanted.

6c. No presentation by Beth Robrahn.

6d. Table to September 11 meeting, as meeting adjourned promptly at 5pm.; David Swarens mentioned the group did not have a draft and Tait Galloway stated that two versions were emailed to the OTSDCPG.

Information Items:

None.

Discussion Items:

None.

Committee Updates:

b. Ongoing changes to the By-laws presented by Tait Galloway – Tabled to next meeting, September 11, 2013.

Announcements:

- 1. Thurston Coe announced Bike Uptown Bike Path meeting at Balboa Park, 6pm**
- 2. Adrian Granda, representative from Todd Gloria's Office handed out the July Newsletter and announced the Normal Heights event.**
- 3. Gavin Deeb from CongressWoman Davis' office provided July Newsletter.**
- 4. Tait Galloway informed the Planning Commission has approved the Juan Street Project.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Patricia Fillet